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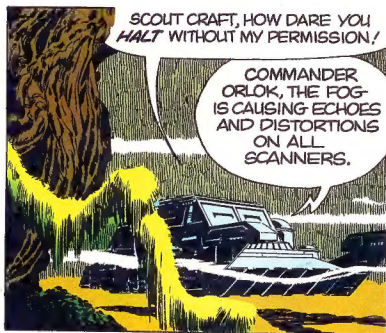
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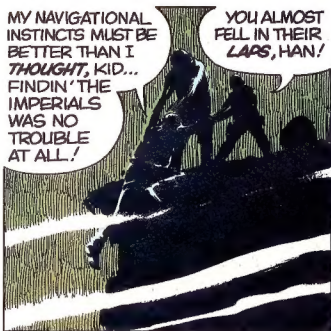
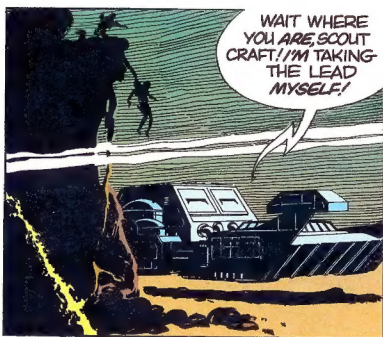
Luke and Threepio are trapped on Hoth with Frija and her father, a former Imperial governor — and deserter. Luke and Frija cobble together a working communicator to signal the Rebels, while Frija's father escapes to attack Luke. Frija saves Luke's life, but is accidentally hit by one of her father's errant shots. It's revealed that both Frija and her father are droids, used as decoys by the *real* Imperial governor to lead the Rebels astray. The Rebels decide that Hoth would make a good base, and set out for the ice planet, planning to enlist the Mon Calamari to help evacuate Yavin Base. The Rebels discover remnants of a battle it appears the Mon Calamari lost. Several escape pods were launched prior to the explosion of the Mon Calamari ship, the trail leading to Dalujj. There, the Rebels run into Imperials chasing the same distress beacon. Efforts to rescue the stranded Calamarians are hampered by an attack from giant sea worms, and our heroes have to abandon ship in order to escape their wrath. While the Mon Calamari continue their salvage attempts, Han, Luke, and Chewie attempt to hold off the approaching Imperial troops. Stumbling about in the thick Dalujj fog, our heroes almost literally bump right into the enemy!

WHILE HIS MON CALAMARI RAISE THE *FALCON*, ADMIRAL ACKBAR EXPECTS US TO HOLD OFF THE IMPERIALS! EVEN WITH MY NAVIGATIONAL INSTINCTS...





TO PROCEED NOW MEANS RISKING A WRECK OR MISSING THE DOWNED REBELS' POSITION!



YEAH...MAYBE WE SHOULD
DROP SOMETHIN' *ELSE*
IN MY PLACE!

THEIR
CRAFT'S
ARMORED! EVEN
THAT *BOULDER*
WON'T DO
MUCH
DAMAGE!

TRUE! BUT IT MAY SORT'A ATTRACT
THEIR ATTENTION!

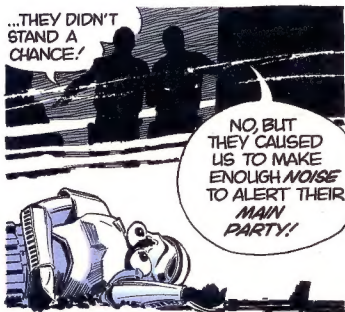
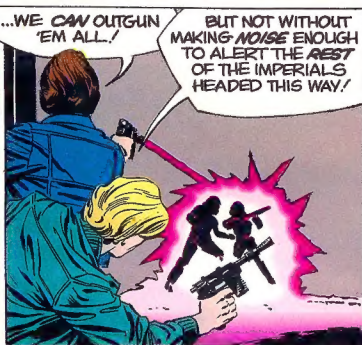
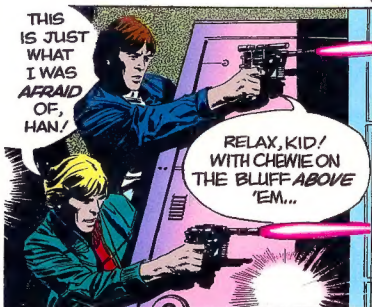
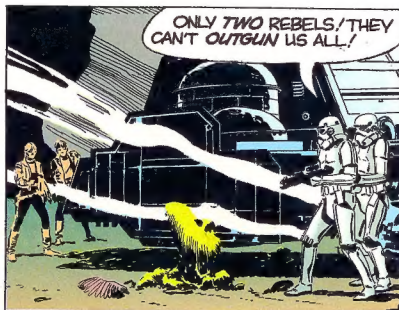
CHEWIE,
THIS IS
YOUR KIND'A
JOB!

Within the stalled Imperial scout
craft... *SUDDEN SHOCK!*

SOMETHING'S
HIT US! W-WHAT?!

A *BOULDER!* RAIN MUST
HAVE LOOSENED IT!

WHAT
NEXT FROM
THIS MUDBALL
WORLD?

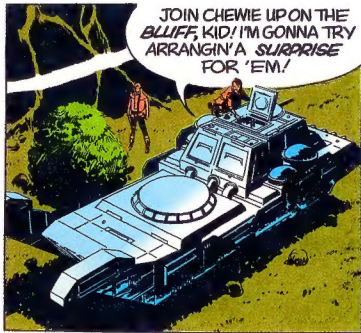


LISTEN, HAN... *SKIMMER ENGINES!*
THE OTHER IMPERIALS ARE HEADED
OUR WAY...
FAST!



YEAH! AN'
THE *WIND'S*
COMIN' UP...
BLOWIN' AWAY
THIS *FOG*
COVER!

JOIN CHEWIE UP ON THE
BLUFF, KID! I'M GONNA TRY
ARRANGIN' A *SURPRISE*
FOR 'EM!



But as Luke starts
UP the muddy
slope...

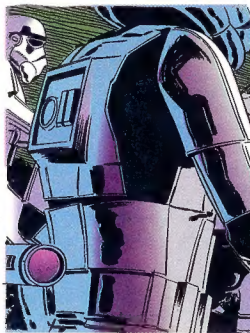
CHEWBACCA!
W-WHAT--?!



WARONWWRRK!

Attempting to join Chewbacca *ATOP* the mud
bluff... Luke finds himself *COLLIDING* with
the Wookiee sliding *DOWN!*

CHEWIE!
WHAT'S GOT
INTO YOU?!

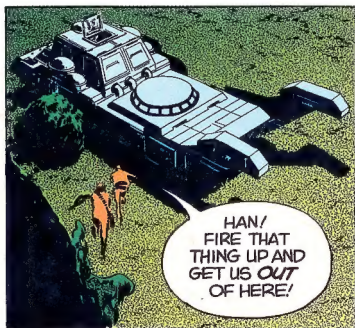


The *ANSWER*
appears above...

IMPERIALS!

REBELS
AREN'T THE
ONLY ONES
CAPABLE OF
SURPRISES! MEN...
FIRE AT
WILL!





HAN/
FIRE THAT
THING UP AND
GET US OUT
OF HERE!

THE IMPERIALS USED THE
SOUND OF THEIR APPROACHING
GROUND-SKIMMERS TO COVER
A LARGE PARTY OF 'EM SNEAKING
ABOVE US ON FOOT!

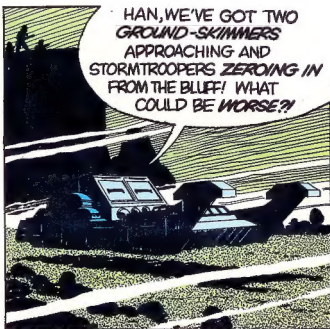


MOVE! BEFORE
WE'RE TRAPPED
HERE!

I'M **DOIN'**
IT, LUKE...BUT
YOU SHOULD
KNOW THERE ARE
DEFINITE
DRAWBACKS!

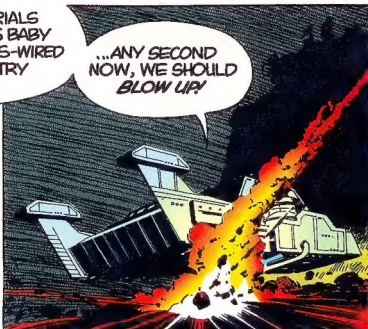


HAN, WE'VE GOT TWO
GROUND-SKIMMERS
APPROACHING AND
STORMTROOPERS ZEROING IN
FROM THE BLUFF! WHAT
COULD BE WORSE?!



I FIGURED THE IMPERIALS
WOULD BE TAKING THIS BABY
BACK, LUKE! SO I CROSS-WIRED
ITS POWER-CIRCUITRY
TO OVERLOAD...

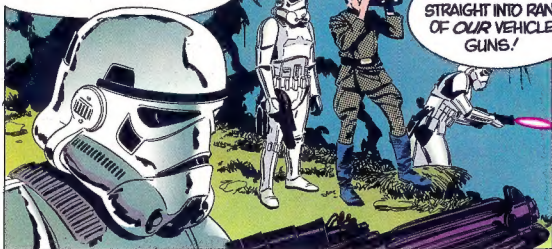
...ANY SECOND
NOW, WE SHOULD
BLOW UP!



THE REBEL AT THE GROUND-SKIMMER'S CONTROLS IS *AMAZING*, COMMANDER ORLOK! I'VE NEVER SEEN *ANYONE* DODGE FIRE LIKE THAT!

DON'T LET UP...

...THEY'RE HEADING STRAIGHT INTO RANGE OF *OUR* VEHICLES' GUNS!



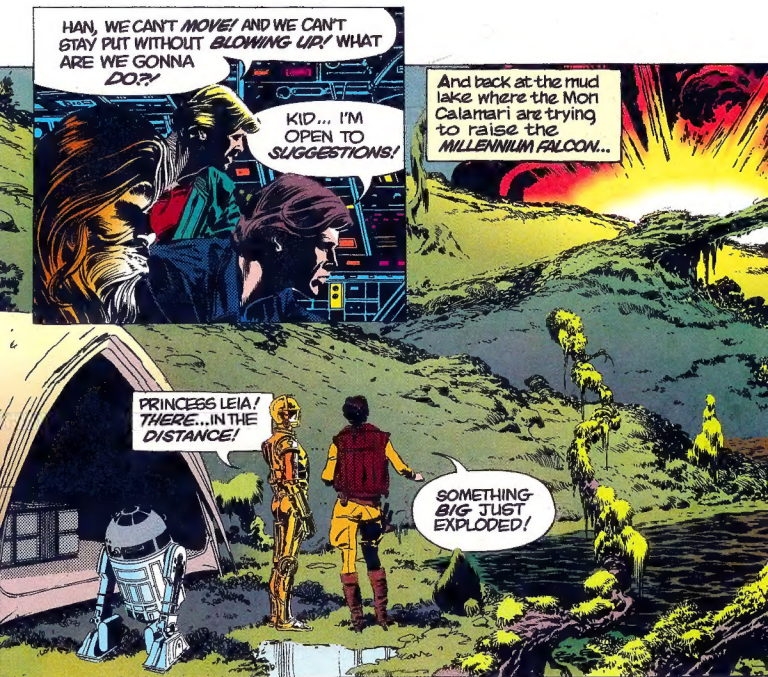
HAN, WE CAN'T *MOVE!* AND WE CAN'T STAY PUT WITHOUT *BLOWING UP!* WHAT ARE WE GONNA *DO?!*

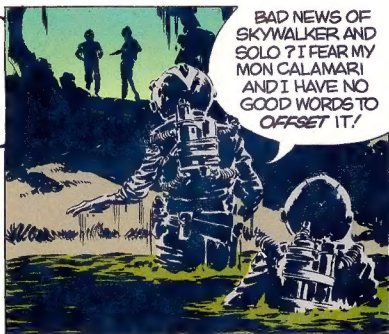
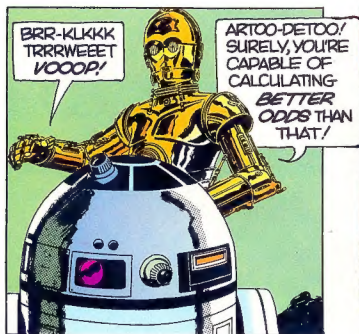
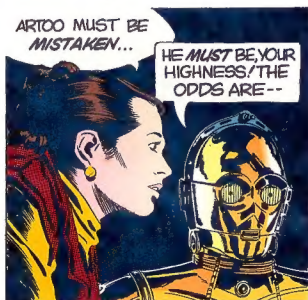
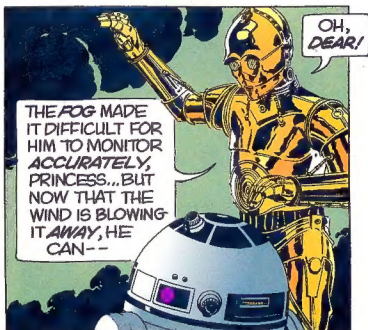
KID... I'M OPEN TO *SUGGESTIONS!*

And back at the mud lake where the Mon Calamari are trying to raise the *MILLENNIUM FALCON...*

PRINCESS LEIA! *THERE...IN THE DISTANCE!*

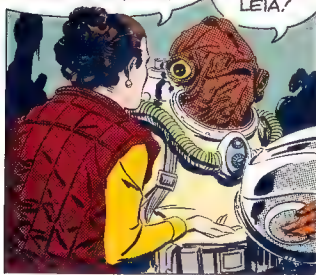
SOMETHING *BIG* JUST EXPLODED!



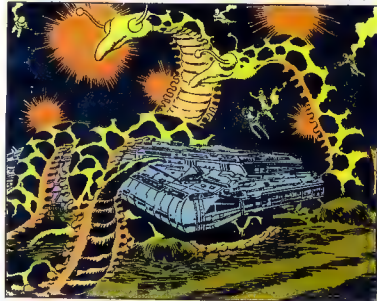


ADMIRAL ACKBAR! YOUR EFFORTS TO FREE THE **MILLENNIUM FALCON**?

FAILED, PRINCESS LEIA!



"THE SHIP IS *STILL* AT THE MUD LAKE BOTTOM...STILL IN THE COILS OF THE WORM-GIANTS THAT *DWELL* THERE..."



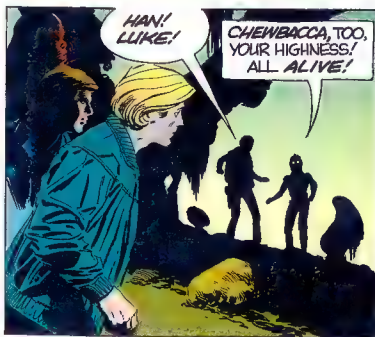
...THOUGH WE ATTACKED WITH **REPAIR TORCHES** ATTEMPTING TO DISLODGE THEM!



SOME DAYS THERE'S JUST NO *WINNING*... ESPECIALLY ON *THIS* PLANET!

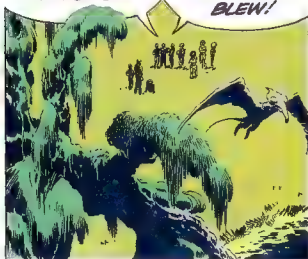
HAN! LUKE!

CHEWBACCA, TOO, YOUR HIGHNESS! ALL ALIVE!



WE THOUGHT YOU WERE *KILLED* IN THE GROUND-SKIMMER EXPLOSION!

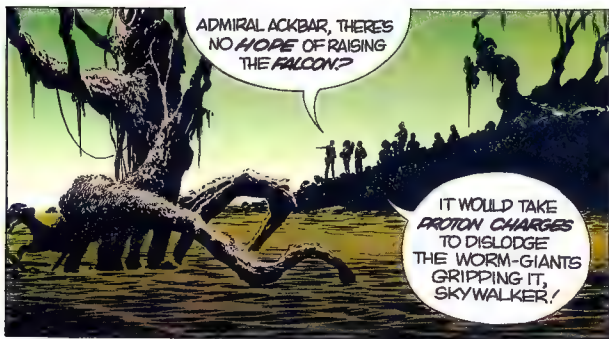
IT WAS *CLOSE*! WE MANAGED TO *DIVE OUT* JUST BEFORE IT *BLEW*!



...THE BLAST COVERED OUR *ESCAPE*, BUT WE FAILED TO *STOP* THE IMPERIALS!



THEY'VE GOT TWO GOOD SKIMMERS LEFT, AND THEY WON'T BE LONG COMIN'!

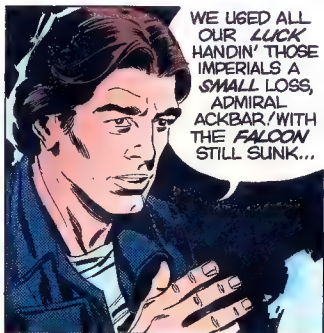
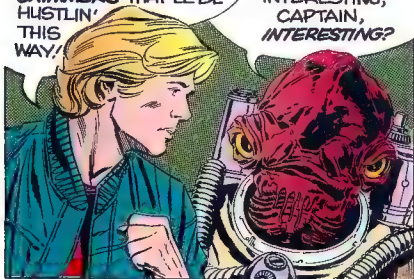


ADMIRAL ACKBAR, THERE'S
NO *HOP*E OF RAISING
THE *FALCON*?

IT WOULD TAKE
PROTON CHARGES
TO DISLodge
THE WORM-GIANTS
GRIPPING IT,
SKYWALKER!

EVEN IF WE *HAD* PROTON
CHARGES... WE'D NEED 'EM
AGAINST THOSE *IMPERIAL*
SKIMMERS THAT'LL BE
HUSTLIN'
THIS
WAY!

FROM ACROSS
THE *MUD LAKE*?
INTERESTING;
CAPTAIN,
INTERESTING?

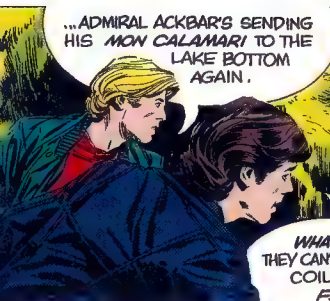


WE USED ALL
OUR *LUCK*
HANDIN' THOSE
IMPERIALS A
SMALL LOSS,
ADMIRAL
ACKBAR, WITH
THE *FALCON*
STILL SUNK...

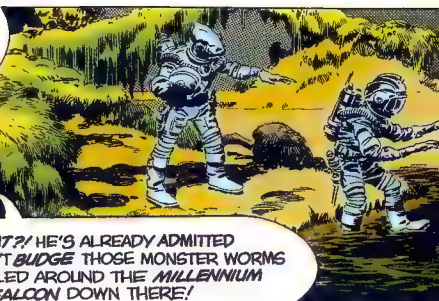
...AN' NOTHIN' BUT *HAND BLASTERS*
TO USE AGAINST IMPERIAL SKIMMERS,
I'M REAL RECEPTIVE TO ANY
BRIGHT IDEAS!



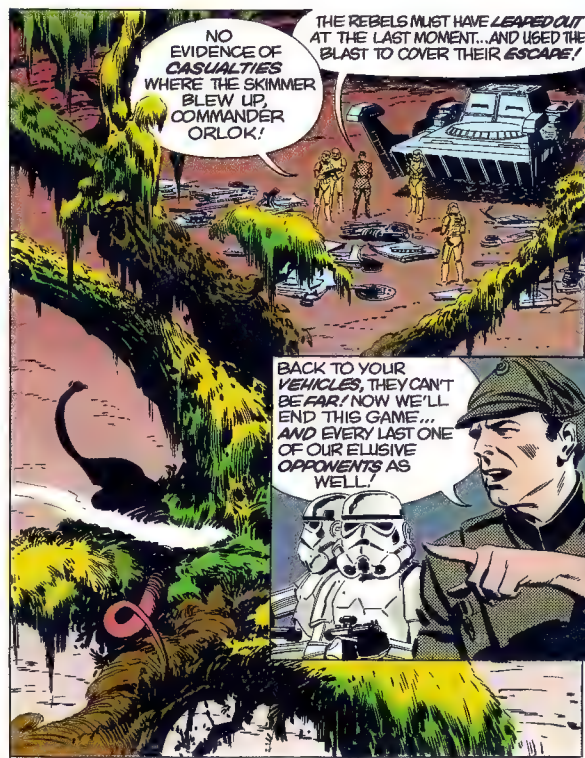
WAIT,
HAN...



...ADMIRAL ACKBAR'S SENDING
HIS *MON CALAMARI* TO THE
LAKE BOTTOM
AGAIN.



WHAT?! HE'S ALREADY ADMITTED
THEY CAN'T *BUDGE* THOSE MONSTER WORMS
COILED AROUND THE *MILLENNIUM*
FALCON DOWN THERE!



NO
EVIDENCE OF
CASUALTIES
WHERE THE SKIMMER
BLEW UP,
COMMANDER
ORLOK!

THE REBELS MUST HAVE *LEAPED OUT*
AT THE LAST MOMENT...AND USED THE
BLAST TO COVER THEIR *ESCAPE!*



BACK TO YOUR
VEHICLES, THEY CAN'T
BE FAR! NOW WE'LL
END THIS GAME...
AND EVERY LAST ONE
OF OUR ELUSIVE
OPPONENTS AS
WELL!

HAN'S RIGHT, ADMIRAL!
YOU DID INDICATE THEY
COULDN'T POSSIBLY FREE
THE **MILLENNIUM
FALCON** FROM THE
GIANT WORMS
DOWN THERE!

NOT WITHOUT
SPECIAL HELP,
SKYWALKER...

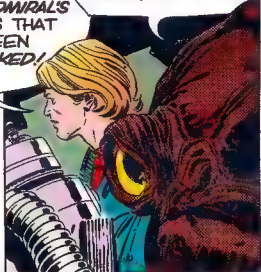
...BUT IF MY
THEORY IS
CORRECT, IT
IS ON THE
WAY!



IMPERIAL SKINNERS...MOVIN'
ALONG THE LAKE EDGE! IT'S
TIME TO FIGHT, ACKBAR...
NOT TEST SOME
HALF-BAKED
THEORY!

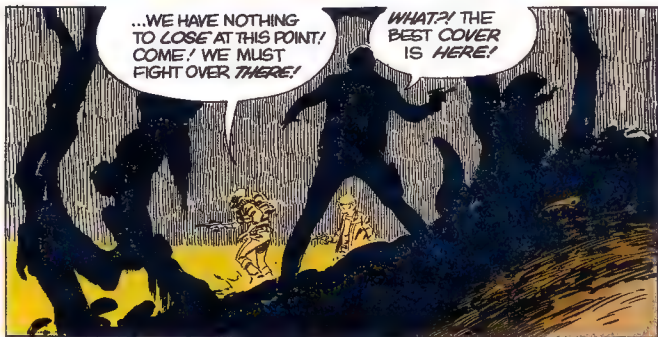
HAN, SO FAR
ON DALLUJ... IT'S
NOT THE ADMIRAL'S
THEORIES THAT
HAVE BEEN
HALF-BAKED!

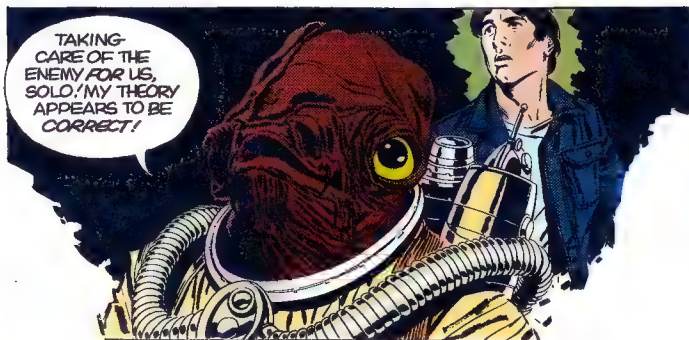
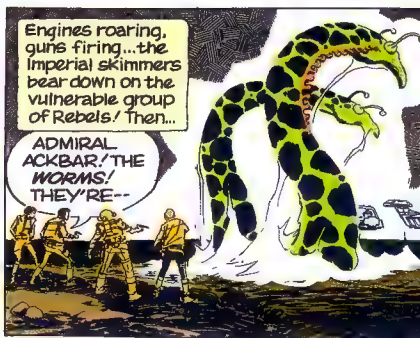
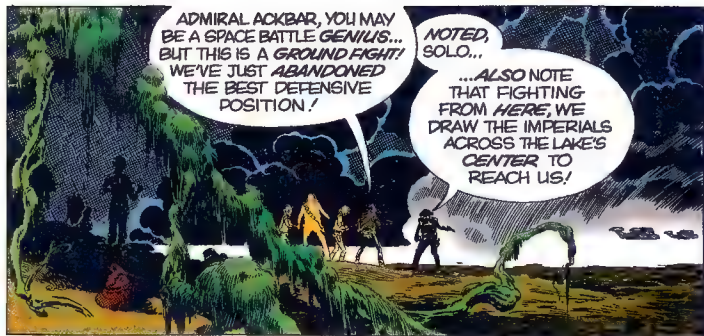
TO PUT THINGS MORE
FULLY IN CAPTAIN SOLO'S
TERMS, SKYWALKER...

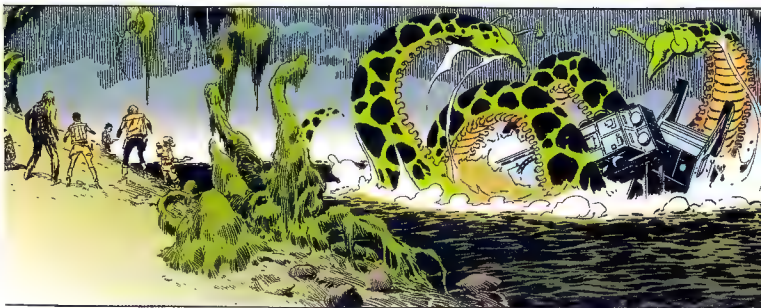


...WE HAVE NOTHING
TO LOSE AT THIS POINT!
COME! WE MUST
FIGHT OVER THERE!

WHAT?! THE
BEST COVER
IS HERE!







THE NOISE OR
MOTION OF
HEAVY
MACHINES
IRRITATES
THEM INTO
ATTACKING.
ADMIRAL
ACKBAR?

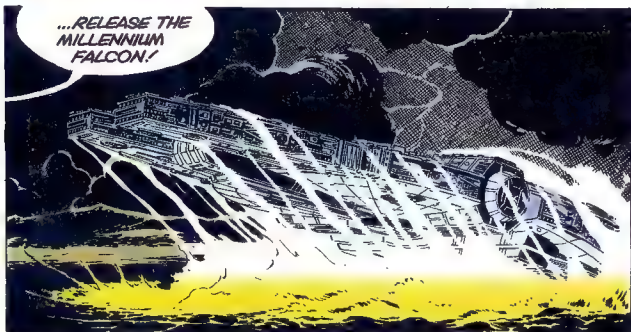
SOMETHING ATTRACTED THEM TO
SOLO'S SHIP AS WELL
AS THESE BATTLE
VEHICLES, SKYWALKER...

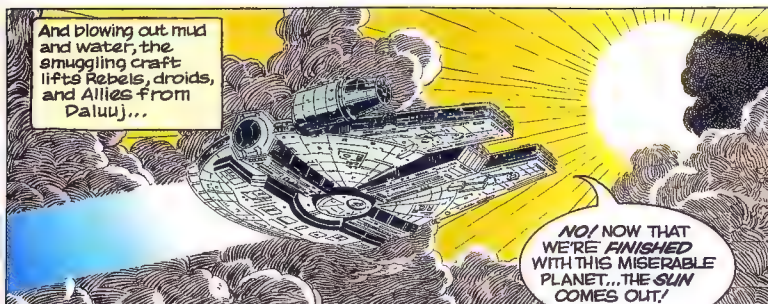


...SO I SENT MY MON
CALAMARI BELOW IN THE
HOPE THAT *NEW AGITATION*
WOULD MAKE THE
CREATURES DO WHAT *WE*
COULD
NOT...



...*RELEASE THE
MILLENNIUM
FALCON!*

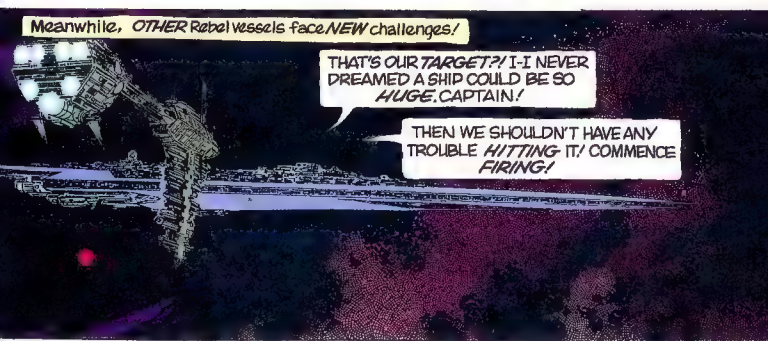




And blowing out mud and water, the smuggling craft lifts Rebels, droids, and Allies from Daluuji...

NO! NOW THAT WE'RE *FINISHED* WITH THIS MISERABLE PLANET...THE *SUN* COMES OUT!

Meanwhile, *OTHER* Rebel vessels face *NEW* challenges!



THAT'S OUR *TARGET*?! I-I NEVER DREAMED A SHIP COULD BE SO *HUGE*. CAPTAIN!

THEN WE SHOULDN'T HAVE ANY TROUBLE *HITTING* IT! COMMENCE *FIRING*!

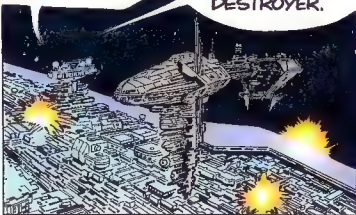


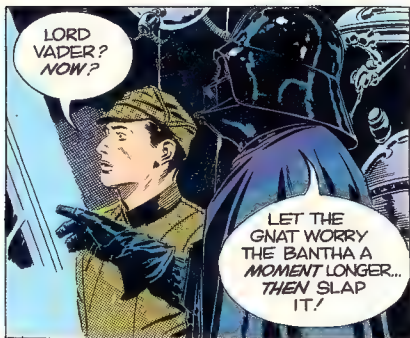
LORD VADER! WE'RE UNDER ATTACK FROM A REBEL BATTLE CRUISER!

MAINTAIN OUR COURSE... LET THEM COME!

HOW MUCH *LONGER*? THOSE REBELS ARE *GOOD*! IF A SHIELD *WEAKENS*...

CONFIDENCE, ADMIRAL. YOU'RE NOT ABOARD ANY *ORDINARY* STAR DESTROYER.







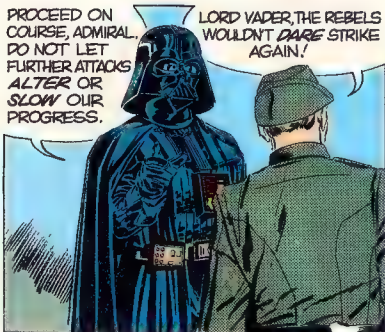
THE REBEL
CRUISER IS
OBLITERATED,
LORD VADER! BUT...
WHY DID YOU
DELAY DOING
IT?



SO THEY WOULD HAVE *TIME* TO REPORT
TO THEIR HEADQUARTERS AND *CONFIRM*
WHAT MUST ALREADY
BE SUSPECTED,
ADMIRAL...



...I AM GOING
TO **DESTROY** THEIR
BASE AT YAVIN AND
NOTHING THEY HAVE
CAN STOP
ME!

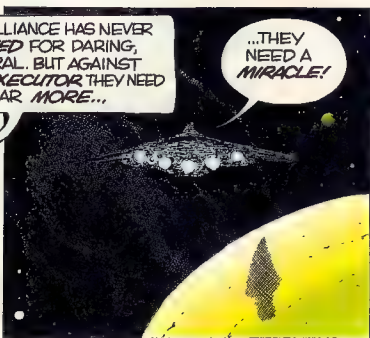


PROCEED ON
COURSE, ADMIRAL...
DO NOT LET
FURTHER ATTACKS
ALTER OR
SLOW OUR
PROGRESS.

LORD VADER, THE REBELS
WOULDN'T **DARE** STRIKE
AGAIN!



THE ALLIANCE HAS NEVER
LACKED FOR DARING,
ADMIRAL. BUT AGAINST
THE **EXECUTOR** THEY NEED
FAR **MORE**...



...THEY
NEED A
MIRACLE!

The *EXECUTOR* continues on its relentless march through space...leaving in its wake the debris of the latest attempt by the Rebel Alliance to *STOP* it...

...debris about to be encountered by a *NEW* ship entering the system...

...the *MILLENNIUM FALCON*.

RUNNING THE IMPERIAL BLOCKADE IS *ALWAYS* TRICKY...BUT ONE MORE OF THESE HYPERSPACE HOPS OUGHT TO PUT US *HOMEL*!

HAN! THIS DEBRIS...

YEAH! WE JUST MISSED A *BATTLE*, LUKE! KEEP YOUR EYES PEELED...

...SO MUCH FLOATING JUNK CAN AFFECT OUR *SCOPE*!

As the young warrior scans the sector of space beyond his gun turret...

A *REBEL* SCOUT SHIP COMING FROM BEHIND THAT *MOON*!

For an instant, the Rebel scout craft streaks across Luke's field of vision from the *MILLENNIUM FALCON*'S gun turret. Then...

GONE! LEAPED TO HYPER-SPACE WITHOUT EVEN ACKNOWLEDGING US! STRANGE...

WHAT'S THAT, KID? I WAS BUSY COMPUTING OUR NEXT JUMP.

AND THE DROIDS ARE SHUT DOWN AND CHEWIE AN' LEIA ARE CATCHIN' SOME SLEEP. I GUESS IT'S NOT IMPORTANT, HAN...

Luke is *WRONG*.

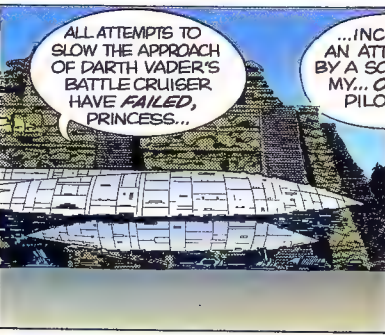
THE FOURTH MOON OF YAVIN! After a circuitous series of hyperspace jumps to avoid the Imperial blockade...

...the *MILLENNIUM FALCON* returns to Rebel headquarters!

OUR MISSION WAS A *SUCCESS*, GENERAL DODONNA! WE HAD DIFFICULTIES...BUT OUR *MON CALAMARI* ALLIES AGREED TO AID IN OUR EVACUATION PLAN!

GENERAL DODONNA?

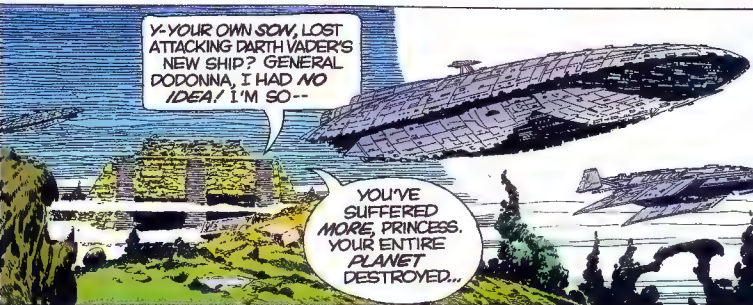
I-I'M SORRY, PRINCESS LEIA. *OTHER* NEWS I'VE RECEIVED IS...NOT SO GOOD!



ALL ATTEMPTS TO SLOW THE APPROACH OF DARTH VADER'S BATTLE CRUISER HAVE **FAILED**, PRINCESS...

...INCLUDING AN ATTACK LED BY A SCOUT SHIP MY... **OWN SON** PILOTED!

SCOUT SHIP? LIKE I SAW ON OUR WAY HERE?!



Y-YOUR OWN SON, LOST ATTACKING DARTH VADER'S NEW SHIP? GENERAL DODONNA, I HAD NO IDEA! I'M SO--

YOU'VE SUFFERED MORE, PRINCESS. YOUR ENTIRE **PLANET** DESTROYED...

...I-I JUST NEED A BIT OF TIME...TO DEAL WITH THE **SHOCK**...

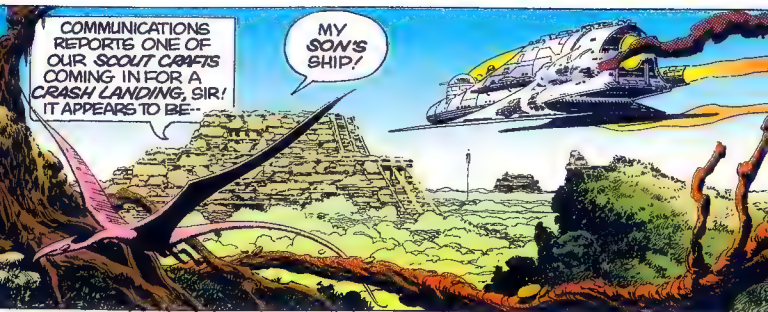


SHOULD I TELL HIM ABOUT THE **SCOUT SHIP** I GLIMPSED? WHAT IF IT **WASN'T** HIS SON'S?

GENERAL DODONNA!

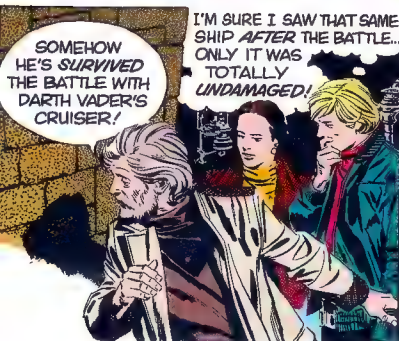


LEIA, WE PASSED THROUGH A **BATTLE SITE** ON OUR WAY BACK HERE! I DON'T WANT TO RAISE THE GENERAL'S HOPES, BUT I THOUGHT I SAW--



COMMUNICATIONS
REPORTS ONE OF
OUR SCOUT CRAFTS
COMING IN FOR A
CRASH LANDING, SIR!
IT APPEARS TO BE--

MY
SON'S
SHIP!



SOMEHOW
HE'S SURVIVED
THE BATTLE WITH
DARTH VADER'S
CRUISER!

I'M SURE I SAW THAT SAME
SHIP AFTER THE BATTLE...
ONLY IT WAS
TOTALLY
UNDAMAGED!

The laser-blasted Rebel
scout craft skids to a
halt...and a lone figure
emerges!

VRAD!



MY SON, MY SON! WE
THOUGHT DARTH VADER
HAD DESTROYED
YOU WITH THE
OTHERS!

THAT MONSTER
SHIP OF HIS
NEARLY DID,
FATHER...



...BY THE TIME I
MADE EMERGENCY
REPAIRS TO GET
BACK IN THE
BATTLE...IT
WAS ALL OVER!



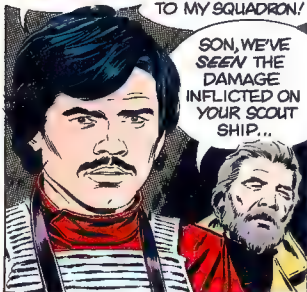
THAT
DOESN'T
FIT WITH
WHAT I
SAW!

THANK THE FORCE,
YOU'RE ALIVE,
VRAD!

I FEEL ASHAMED BEING
THE ONLY ONE TO RETURN,
LEIA...

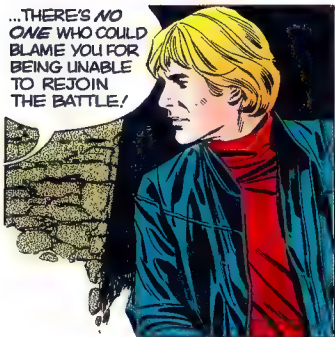


...I WON'T REST UNTIL DARTH VADER
PAYS FOR WHAT HIS CRUISER DID
TO MY SQUADRON!



SON, WE'VE
SEEN THE
DAMAGE
INFLECTED ON
YOUR SCOUT
SHIP...

...THERE'S NO
ONE WHO COULD
BLAME YOU FOR
BEING UNABLE
TO REJOIN
THE BATTLE!



HAN, WHAT DO YOU
THINK OF GENERAL
DODONNA'S SON,
VRAD?

IF HE COULD LAND THIS
LASER-CHEWED WRECK,
HE'S A GOOD PILOT,
KID...



...AND FROM HERE
IT LOOKS LIKE HE'S
ALSO COMPETITION
FOR THE PRINCESS
THAT YOU AND I
DON'T NEED!



MAYBE
YOU'VE GOT
EVIDENCE
HE'S AN
IMPERIAL
SPY?

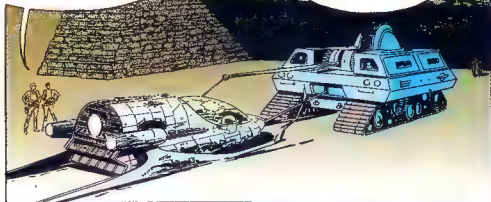
NO! I DON'T HAVE
EVIDENCE OF ANYTHING...



HAN, WE PASSED THROUGH THE *AFTERMATH* OF THAT BATTLE WITH DARTH VADER'S CRUISER! I THINK I SAW VRAD DODONNA'S SHIP THEN...

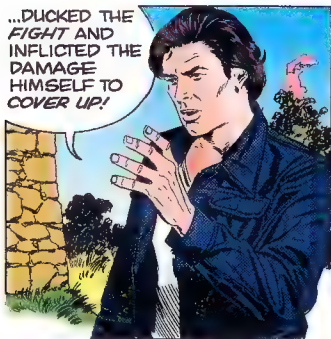
...POPPING FROM *BEHIND* A LOCAL MOON! IT DIDN'T HAVE ANY OF THESE DAMAGES!

KID, THAT *SOUNDS* LIKE YOU'RE HINTIN' A GENERAL'S SON AND REBEL HERO...



...DUCKED THE FIGHT AND INFLECTED THE DAMAGE HIMSELF TO COVER UP!

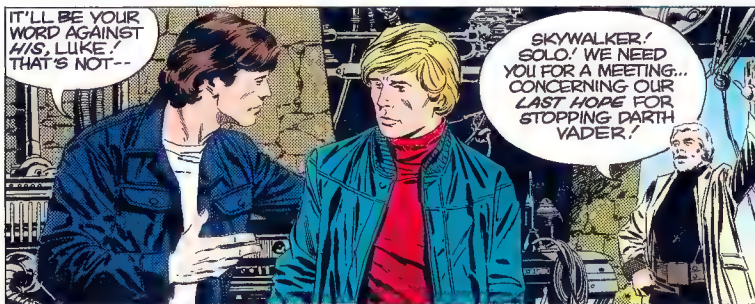
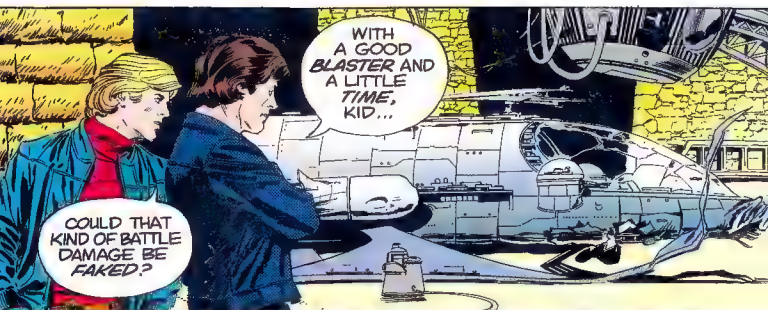
I *KNOW* WHAT I SAW, HAN...

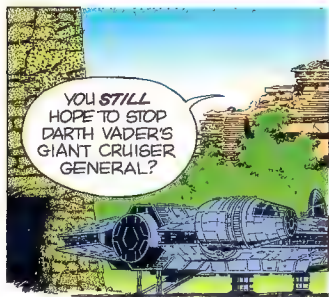


...VRAD'S SHIP FLEEING FROM COVER, TOTALLY UNHARMED... AFTER THE COMBAT WHERE HE *SUPPOSEDLY* SUSTAINED TOO MUCH DAMAGE TO CONTINUE!

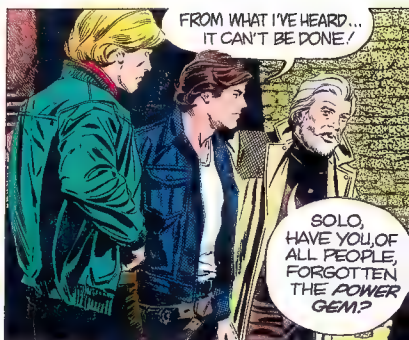
WE CAN'T LET THAT PASS!





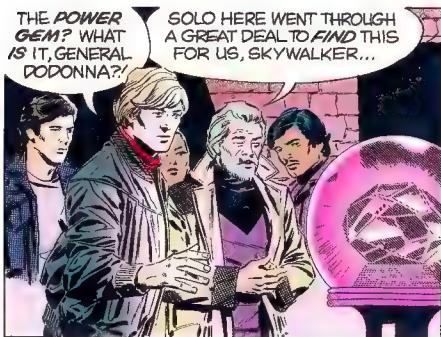


YOU **STILL** HOPE TO STOP DARTH VADER'S GIANT CRUISER GENERAL?



FROM WHAT I'VE HEARD... IT CAN'T BE DONE!

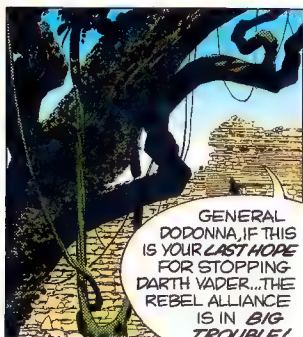
SOLO, HAVE YOU, OF ALL PEOPLE, FORGOTTEN THE **POWER GEM**?



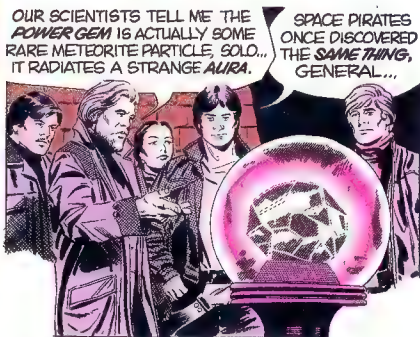
THE **POWER GEM**? WHAT IS IT, GENERAL DODONNA?!

SOLO HERE WENT THROUGH A GREAT DEAL TO **FIND** THIS FOR US, SKYWALKER...

CHEWIE AND I DID IT WHILE YOU WERE OFF ON ANOTHER **MISSION**, KID...JUST TO KEEP FROM GETTING **RUSTY**.



GENERAL DODONNA, IF THIS IS YOUR **LAST HOPE** FOR STOPPING DARTH VADER...THE REBEL ALLIANCE IS IN **BIG TROUBLE**!

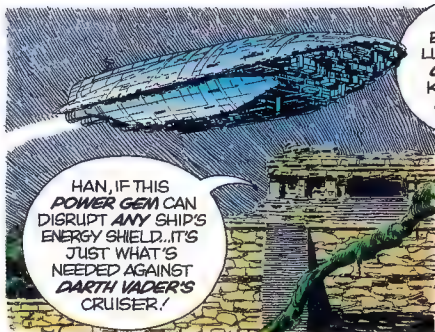


OUR SCIENTISTS TELL ME THE **POWER GEM** IS ACTUALLY SOME RARE METEORITE PARTICLE, SOLO... IT RADIATES A STRANGE **AURA**.

SPACE PIRATES ONCE DISCOVERED THE **SAME THING**, GENERAL...

"...INCLUDING THE FACT THAT THAT AURA COULD
DISRUPT ANY SHIP'S ENERGY SHIELD!"

"BUT THAT WAS A LONG TIME AGO...TOO LONG!"



THERE'S A
BIG CATCH,
LUKE! IT'S THE
LAST OF ITS
KIND...AN' IT'S
LOSIN' ITS
POWER!

USIN' IT AGAINST
VADER'S CRUISER
IS RISKY AT
BEST... AN' SHEER
SUICIDE IF THE
GEM POOPS
OUT!

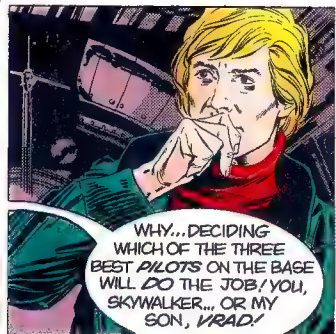
HAN, IF THIS
POWER GEM CAN
DISRUPT ANY SHIP'S
ENERGY SHIELD...IT'S
JUST WHAT'S
NEEDED AGAINST
DARTH VADER'S
CRUISER!



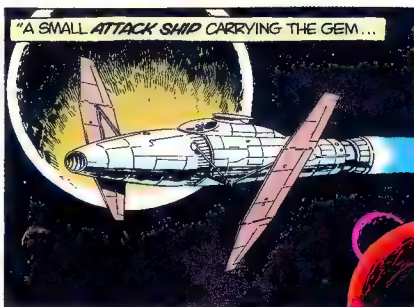
WE KNOW WHAT A LARGE RISK IT IS THAT
THE POWER GEM MAY FAIL AGAINST VADER'S
SHIELD SYSTEM, SOLO...

THEN
WHAT ARE
WE DOIN' HERE,
GENERAL
DODONNA?

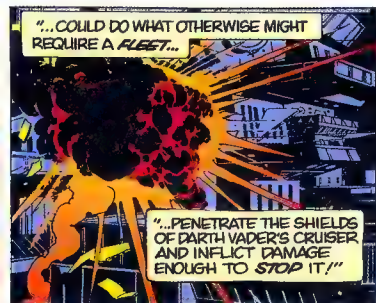




WHY...DECIDING WHICH OF THE THREE BEST PILOTS ON THE BASE WILL DO THE JOB/ YOU, SKYWALKER... OR MY SON, VRAD!



"A SMALL ATTACK SHIP CARRYING THE GEM..."



"...COULD DO WHAT OTHERWISE MIGHT REQUIRE A FLEET..."

"...PENETRATE THE SHIELDS OF DARTH VADER'S CRUISER AND INFLICT DAMAGE ENOUGH TO STOP IT!"



WHAT YOU'VE GOT HERE IS A KIND OF SUICIDE MISSION GENERAL DODONNA! HOW DO YOU DECIDE WHO GETS TO HANDLE IT?



I WAS HOPING FOR VOLUNTEERS, CAPTAIN SOLO.

HOWEVER, SINCE THE GEM IS LOSING ITS POWER, THE RISKS ARE--



THERE'S NO NEED TO GO OVER THIS AGAIN, FATHER... I VOLUNTEER!

NO!

YOU HAVE SOME
OBJECTION TO
MY SON HANDLING
THIS MISSION,
SKYWALKER?

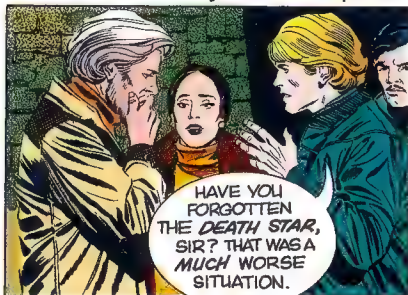


I...I'M A BETTER
PILOT, GENERAL!

I SHOULD
GO INSTEAD!



Unable to prove his **REAL** objections to General
Dodonna's son...Luke argues to take his place!



HAVE YOU
FORGOTTEN
THE **DEATH STAR**,
SIR? THAT WAS A
MUCH WORSE
SITUATION.

SKYWALKER, I **KNOW** YOU'RE THE
HERO OF THE **DEATH STAR**... BUT THIS WILL
BE A **SHIP-AGAINST-SHIP**
ENCOUNTER!



"CHECK THE **COMPUTER!** WHEN IT COMES
TO **THAT** TYPE OF ACTION, YOU'LL FIND **ONE**
NAME WAY AHEAD ON **EXPERIENCE...**



"...MINE: **YRAD**
DODONNA!"



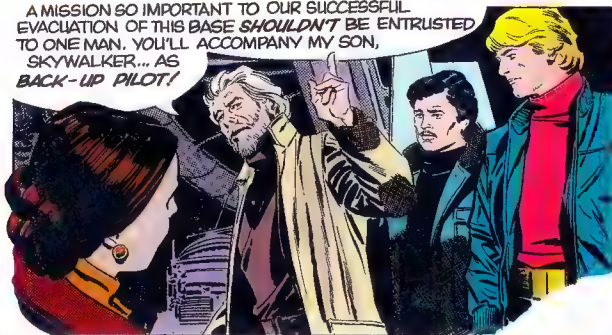
GENERAL DODONNA, THIS SITUATION IS GONNA FORCE ME TO BRING UP SOMETHING I DIDN'T WANT TO ABOUT YOUR SON AND--

I ALREADY KNOW SKYWALKER...



...YOU FEEL IF I PICK HIM OVER YOU FOR THIS MISSION, I'M PLAYING FAVORITES! PERFECTLY UNDERSTANDABLE. AND I HAVE A SOLUTION!

A MISSION SO IMPORTANT TO OUR SUCCESSFUL EVACUATION OF THIS BASE *SHOULDN'T* BE ENTRUSTED TO ONE MAN. YOU'LL ACCOMPANY MY SON, SKYWALKER... AS BACK-UP PILOT!



TERRIFIC, KID... INSTEAD OF STOPPING VRAD DODONNA...

...YOU'VE TALKED YOURSELF INTO BEING HIS *PARTNER* ON A *SUICIDE MISSION*!



THIS MAY BE *BEST*, HAN. I DON'T HAVE TO *HURT* GENERAL DODONNA BY DENOUNCING HIS SON...



...AND I'LL BE ALONG TO SEE VRAD DOESN'T *RUN OUT* LIKE BEFORE!

EVEN IF IT *KILLS* YOU?

As final preparations for the strike against Darth Vader are made...

SKYWALKER, IF SOMETHING ABOUT ME *BOTHERS* YOU...LET'S SETTLE IT *NOW!*



I HOPE I'M *WRONG* ABOUT WHAT'S BOTHERING ME, VRAD, BECAUSE I ADMIRE YOUR *FATHER*...



...BUT IF I'M *RIGHT*, AT LEAST I'LL BE ALONG TO SEE WHAT HAPPENED ON YOUR *LAST* MISSION DOESN'T HAPPEN ON *THIS* ONE!



WHAT DO YOU *THINK* HAPPENED ON MY LAST MISSION, SKYWALKER?



FOR SOME REASON, MAYBE EVEN A *GOOD* ONE...

...YOU *RAN OUT* ON THE BATTLE WITH DARTH VADER'S CRUISER AND *FAKED* DAMAGE TO YOUR SHIP TO COVER IT UP!

YOU SELF-RIGHTEOUS LITTLE TWERP, I OUGHT TO--



ARE YOU AND LUKE HAVING A *DISAGREEMENT*, VRAD? THIS MISSION IS TOO *IMPORTANT* TO ALLOW--



JUST DISCUSSING *ATTACK TECHNIQUES*, PRINCESS...



...RIGHT, SKYWALKER?

AND STRAIGHTENING OUT SOME DETAILS TO MAKE *CERTAIN* THIS MISSION WORKS AS IT'S *SUPPOSED* TO!

LET'S SETTLE THIS WHERE WE WON'T BE INTERRUPTED, HERO!



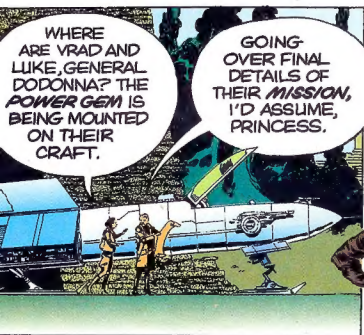
Luke and Vrad head for the woods...

THIS IS GOOD ENOUGH, SKYWALKER! GET READY TO FIGHT!

IF I'M *WRONG* ABOUT YOU, VRAD...THIS *ISN'T* THE WAY TO SETTLE IT!

MAYBE *NOT*, SKYWALKER...

...BUT WHEN IT'S OVER, YOU WON'T BE IN ANY SHAPE TO GO ON THE *MISSION* WITH ME!



WHERE ARE VRAD AND LUKE, GENERAL DODONNA? THE *POWER GEM* IS BEING MOUNTED ON THEIR CRAFT.

GOING OVER FINAL DETAILS OF THEIR *MISSION*, I'D ASSUME, PRINCESS.

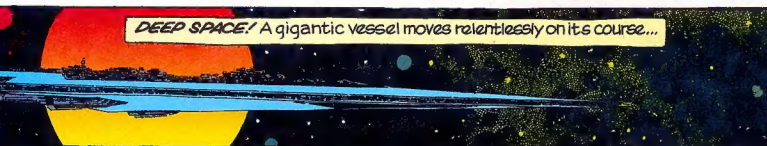




OBTAININGLY,
YOU CAN'T *PROVE* I
FLED THE BATTLE WITH
DARTH VADER'S CRUISER...
OR YOU'D HAVE DONE SO
BY NOW!



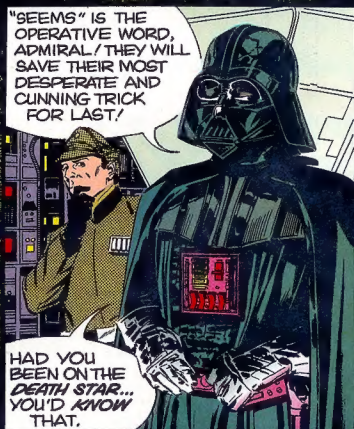
...SINCE THE LAST THING I
WANT WITH ME ON THE *NEW*
MISSION AGAINST VADER IS
SOME *SELF-APPOINTED*
CONSCIENCE!



DEEP SPACE! A gigantic vessel moves relentlessly on its course...



IT SEEMS THE REBELS
HAVE *ABANDONED* THE
NOTION OF TRYING TO
STOP US, LORD
VADER!



"SEEMS" IS THE
OPERATIVE WORD,
ADMIRAL! THEY WILL
SAVE THEIR MOST
DESPERATE AND
CUNNING TRICK
FOR LAST!

HAD YOU
BEEN ON THE
DEATH STAR...
YOU'D *KNOW*
THAT.

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